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Young finds the American cotton mills in advance of the British. He thinks the English operative is a more skilled workman, but because the machinery furnished him is less effective his earnings are lower than those of the American operative and the labor cost is higher in England. The real wages and the standard of living are found to be decidedly higher in America.

The book is very readable and suggestive.

WILLIAM HILL.

The Farmer's Business Handbook: A Manual of Simple Farm Accounts and of Brief Advice on Rural Law. By ISAAC PHILLIPS ROBERTS. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1903. Pp. xiii + 300.

PROFESSOR ROBERTS, who has done so much to promote agricultural education, has now contributed another volume to the "Rural Science" series. In it he does two things: he shows the farmer the necessity and the advantage of careful bookkeeping, and he gives practical detailed instruction as to how the accounts should be kept. A general study and acceptance of the methods set forth would do much to make the American farmer a more successful business man.

In the second part of the volume Mr. H. D. Mason gives a clear statement of the law applicable in the more common farm transactions and relations.

At the close of the book are a number of statistical tables taken from the last census.

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